IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

1. SCOTT LANE BROWN,)
2. LAURIE ANN BROWN,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)Case No.:18-cv-60-GKF-FHM
1. CSAA FIRE & CASUALTY INSURANCE)
COMPANY, a foreign for profit Insurance Corporation,)
Defendant.)

COMPLAINT

A. Parties

- 1. Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, are each citizens of the State of Oklahoma.
- 2. Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, is a foreign forprofit insurance corporation, incorporated and organized under the laws of the State of Indiana.
- 3. The principal place of business for Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, is Walnut Creek, California.
- 4. The Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, is licensed to conduct business in the State of Oklahoma and may be served with process through the Oklahoma Department of Insurance.

5. This action is not related to any other case filed in this court.

B. Jurisdiction

6. The court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because there is diversity between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

C. Facts

- 7. At all times material hereto, the Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, owned a home located at 1700 S. Desert Palm Avenue in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, which was insured under the terms and conditions of a homeowners insurance policy, policy number HO3-003475635, issued by the Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company.
- 8. At all times material hereto, the Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, complied with the terms and conditions of their insurance policy.
- 9. On or about May 11, 2017, the Plaintiffs' home sustained damage as a result of hail. These damages are covered pursuant to the terms and conditions of Plaintiffs' insurance policy.
- 10. Hail is a covered peril not limited or excluded pursuant to the terms and conditions of Plaintiffs' insurance policy.

D. Count I: Breach of Contract

11. Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, hereby assert, allege

and incorporate paragraphs 1-10 herein.

- 12. The homeowners insurance policy, policy number HO3-003475635, issued by Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, was in effect on May 11, 2017.
- 13. Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, timely submitted a claim to Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, Claim Number 1002-21-4551. Defendant refused to issue payment to fully repair and/or replace Plaintiffs' obviously hail damaged roofing system pursuant to the policy terms and conditions. Defendant's refusal to pay for repair and/or replacement of the Plaintiffs' hail damaged roofing system constitutes a breach of the insurance policy.
- 14. The acts and omissions of Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, in the investigation, evaluation, and denial of Plaintiffs' claim were unreasonable and constitute a breach of contract for which contractual damages are hereby sought. Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, breached its contract with Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, by failing to conduct a reasonable investigation of the Plaintiffs' claim and by improperly denying payment and coverage for Plaintiffs' obviously hail damaged roofing system. During its inspection of Plaintiffs' property, Defendant unreasonably ignored and refused to consider obvious evidence of hail damage and denied the

Plaintiffs' claim without adequate investigation and without any reasonable basis.

E. Count II: Bad Faith

- 15. Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, hereby assert, allege and incorporate paragraphs 1-14 herein.
- 16. The acts and omissions of the Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, in the investigation, evaluation and payment of Plaintiffs' claim were unreasonable and constitute bad faith for which bad faith and extracontractual damages are hereby sought.
- 17. Defendant CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company's refusal to pay the cost to repair and/or replace the Plaintiffs' obviously hail damaged roofing system is a bad faith breach of Plaintiffs' insurance policy. Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, acted in bad faith by failing to conduct a reasonable investigation of the Plaintiffs' claim and by improperly denying payment and coverage for Plaintiffs' obviously hail damaged roofing system. During its inspection of Plaintiffs' property, Defendant unreasonably ignored and refused to consider obvious evidence of hail damage and denied the Plaintiffs' claim without adequate investigation and without any reasonable basis.
- 18. Defendant CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company's refusal to pay for the damage to Plaintiffs' roofing system was unreasonable, outside of insurance industry standards, and was committed in bad faith.

F. Punitive Damages

- 19. Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, hereby assert, allege and incorporate paragraphs 1-18 herein.
- 20. The unreasonable conduct of the Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, in the handling of Plaintiffs' claim was intentional, willful, wanton and was committed with a reckless disregard for the rights of the Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, for which punitive damages are hereby sought.

G. Demand for Jury Trial

21. Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, hereby request that the matters set forth herein be determined by a jury of their peers.

H. Prayer

22. Having properly pled, Plaintiffs, Scott Lane Brown and Laurie Ann Brown, hereby seek contractual, bad faith and punitive damages against the Defendant, CSAA Fire & Casualty Insurance Company, together in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00; including costs, interest and attorney fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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